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1. "The majority of the population of the village of Malas are farmers. There were in 1953 about 120 farmers. Eighty percent of these came to Malas after 1945, when land which had been confiscated from the Hungarians and Germans who had been expelled from the state was being re-allocated. No kolkhoz existed as of May 1953 due to strong resistance offered by the farmers. Even the arrival of six officers in the village offering 100,000 kopeks to anyone who would enroll in a kolkhoz was not persuasion enough to cause even one person to enroll.
2. "There are contingents for the delivery of produce. The quotas are unrealistic, and failure to fill them is punishable by confiscation of property and arrest. In a case where this happens, the family of the farmer is forced to work on the State Farm.
3. "Sowing plans are fixed by the National Committee. Threshing is done by machines from the nearest Machine Station and is carefully controlled by the regime, in the person of the machine operator, or the man who collects payment. Quantity threshed is measured in the field directly, and is registered [redacted] threshing [redacted]
4. "Purchase of grain was effected by a special commissioner, and the farmer received his money from the local savings bank.
5. Taxes are high. [redacted] in produce from this land were as follows: [redacted]

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small grain	96 quintals
corn	40 quintals
sunflower	4 quintals
poppy seed	4 quintals
peas	1 quintal
beans	2 quintals
potatoes	2 quintals
sugar beet	350 quintals
straw	5 quintals
hay	2 quintals
beef	6.2 quintals
pork	6.2 quintals
poultry	50 kilograms
eggs	3200 pieces
milk	3500 liters

## Prices per q., L., or kg.

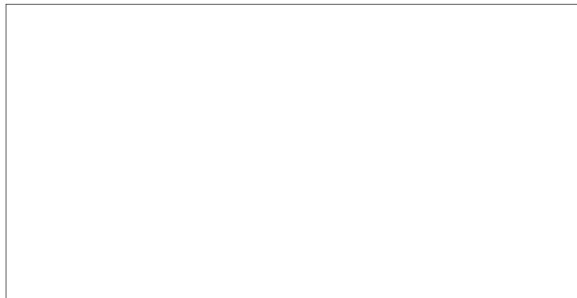
370 - 420 Kcs	--- wheat	] per quintal
320 Kcs	----- rye	
280 Kcs	----- barley	
80 Kcs		
8 Kcs	/kilogram	
26 Kcs	/kilogram	
6 Kcs	/kilogram	

60 Kcs	/quintal
60 Kcs	/quintal
60 Kcs	/quintal
8 - 12 Kcs	/kilogram
24 - 32 Kcs	/kilogram
24 Kcs	/kilogram
1.80 Kcs	/liter

6. "There was an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease in this district in April 1953. In the village of Malas alone 50 beef cattle and 20 pigs died.
7. "The fields are in poor shape. They are full of weeds. Brigades from the nearby mental hospital work in the fields. Some of these patients have escaped in the past.
8. "Farmers do not receive ration coupons, but must buy everything on the free market.

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